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Applicants : Alexander Gaiger et al.
Application No. : 09/276,484
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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR WT1 SPECIFIC IMMUNOTHERAPY

Examiner : Ron Schwadron
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Docket No. : 210121.465C1
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office communication dated 5/16/01, please extend the period of time for response 3 months, to expire on November 16, 2001. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 36, and 39-57.

Please amend claims 35, 37, 63, 65, 66, 68, and 69 to read as follows:

35. (Amended) A method for enhancing or inducing an immune response in a human patient, comprising administering to a patient a composition comprising:

a1 (a) a WT1 polypeptide consisting of an immunogenic portion of a native WT1 or a variant thereof that differs from the immunogenic portion due to substitutions at between 1 and 3 amino acid positions within the immunogenic portion, such that the ability of the variant to react with WT1-specific T cell lines or clones is not substantially diminished, wherein the immunogenic portion consists of the consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO:144; and